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GOLF CONTESTS IN BRITAIN.

American Successes at Sandwich.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, May 3.
Ted Ray of Oxhey has won the Daily Mail thousand pounds sterling golf tournament at St. Anne's, over seventy-two holes, with an aggregate of 238. Len Holland of Northampton and Abe Mitchell of North Foreland tied for second place with 239. Duncan had 290.
Visiting American golfers scored a decisive victory in play for the St. George's Cup at Sandwich, Doctor Willing and Francis Quimet tying for first place with 133. The American skipper, Gardner, had 154. There was a record entry of 121 contestants, including the leading English amateurs, six of whom tied for fourth place with 157. Mr. Willing and Quimet will play an eighteen hole decider to-morrow.

THE AERIAL FORCES.

Suggestion for Limitation.

London, May 3.
In the House of Commons, following a question dealing with the relative strengths of the air fleets of Britain, France, Italy and the United States, Mr. P.A. Harris asked whether the Government had considered calling a conference for the limitation of air forces on the same lines as the Washington Naval Conference. Sir Samuel Hoare replied: "Yes, a proposal of that kind has always been in my mind."

FRANCE REJECTS GERMAN OFFER.

Paris, May 3.
The Cabinet has decided that the German proposals are unacceptable owing to the conditions laid down therein and the absence of guarantees, also the insufficiency of the sums offered.

Evacuation of Ruhr Objected To.

Paris, May 3.
The draft French reply to the German Note, despatched to Brussels, declares that the offer is unacceptable, above all owing to Dr. Cuno's preliminary condition for negotiations, namely evacuation. It declares that the Allies intend to keep the pledge which after three years of fruitless patience they have seen fit to take. It points out that the offer gives no definite guarantee of Germany's good faith. The Government will to-morrow communicate the text to London and Rome.

BRITAIN'S TENURE OF IRAQ.

London, May 3.
A more definite statement than usual regarding the British tenure of Iraq was made by Mr. Baldwin in the House of Commons in reply to questions. He announced that on account of the Iraq Government's substantial strides along the path of independent, stable existence since the treaty was signed with Emir Feisal last year, both parties had now signed a protocol terminating the treaty upon Iraq's entry into the League of Nations, or any time not later than four years from ratification of peace with Turkey.

THE CHESTER CLAIMS MODIFIED.

Paris, May 3.
The Petit Parisien's correspondent at Lausanne reports that Mr. Grew, the American observer at the conference, told General Felle that the United States Government will not uphold the Chester claim to the Samsoun-Sivas line, and while maintaining the principle of the open door it considers the rights acquired by France in 1914 cannot be discussed.

POLAND'S WELCOME TO MARSHAL FOCH.

Warsaw, May 3.
Marshal Foch has arrived to attend the Polish national fête. He had a triumphal progress from the frontier, where he received the rank of a Polish Marshal. He drove through decorated flower-strewn streets, lined by cheering crowds, from the station to the Premier's residence.

THE EXCHANGE MARKET.

London, May 3.
The German proposals have depressed the foreign exchange market, which however finished a little steadier. Marks slumped to 180,000 to 185,000, and closed at 174,000 to 178,000. French francs were finally quoted at 69.75 and Belgian francs at 80.65.

ASSYRIAN THREATENS MR. ROCKEFELLER, JR.

New York, May 3.
An Assyrian silkworker named Murad, armed with a stiletto, has been arrested in front of the residence of Mr. John D. Rockefeller, junior, whose life he threatened. Mr. Rockefeller was uninjured.

ACROSS AMERICA IN ONE FLIGHT.

San Diego, May 3.
The latest remarkable feat of continuous trans-continental flight has been achieved by Lieutenants Macready and Kelly, who have just arrived in a monoplane from Hempstead, New York.

MISSING FROM THE MOSSAMEDES.

Cape Town, May 3.
Twelve passengers on the s.s. Mossamedes, including two Englishmen named Vane and Spring, are now presumed to be dead.

AUSTRALIAN LAWN TENNIS REPRESENTATIVE.

Sydney, May 3.
Mr. Anderson has unconditionally agreed to join the Davis Cup team.

(Other Telegrams on Page 3.)

MR. ROWSON'S FLIGHT.

STILL A CAPTIVE.

Sends Message Appealing for Help.

CHINESE VOLUNTEERS ATTEMPT RESCUE.

(Special to "Telegraph.")

Some further details have reached us to-day from our Pakhoi correspondent regarding the plight of Mr. H.C. Rowson, of the British American Tobacco Co., who was recently kidnapped by Chinese bandits and is still held to ransom.

Our correspondent states that late in the afternoon of the 29th, April, a short note written on a scrap of paper by Mr. Rowson reached Pakhoi. It was dated April 25th, three days after his capture, and was in the nature of an appeal that prompt attention be given to his plight. The note was brought to Pakhoi by the wife of one of the Company's Chinese salesmen. She was with her husband, amongst the kidnapped party, but was released by the bandits in order to take the message to Mr. Rowson's firm. Mr. Rowson's Pony Recovered.

News has also reached our correspondent that the bandits have retired further into the hills, and that the Chinese Country Volunteers have made an attempt to rescue Mr. Rowson, but have been unsuccessful. In the attack, however, they are said to have recovered his pony and a foreign-style hat which belonged to one of the members of the kidnapped party. A day after his capture, Mr. Rowson was seen in captivity by some Chinese. He was sitting on a low stool taking breakfast, which comprised boiled eggs, some biscuits and a pot of tea. He was securely tied by cords above the elbows.

Bound With Cords.

As to the actual kidnapping, our correspondent states that it occurred some fifteen minutes after the party had left a wayside tea-house. This tea-house was a small structure with a straw roof, set up under some shady trees, where Mr. Rowson and his party rested and partook of refreshments. The party then left the spot and proceeded on their journey, but they had not gone very far before they were surrounded by a gang of armed bandits. Mr. Rowson was the only member of the party who was bound with cords. He was secured tightly by the arms and around the neck, but the bandits were later induced to ease the cords, which were causing Mr. Rowson some pain.

Taken to Mud Hut.

The kidnapped party appear to have been conveyed over several hills and were finally lodged in a mud hut, where other members of the bandit gang were cooking food, these including a number of females. Here, two of Mr. Rowson's wheelbarrow coolies were released and given two dollars each, but they had not gone very far before they came across other armed bandits, who demanded that they give up the money, which they did. They were then allowed to proceed. When the affair was first reported to the Chinese military authorities in Pakhoi and Limchow City, says our correspondent, they were anxious to send out troops to attack the bandits, but in order to ensure the safety of the captives, they were advised to await communications from the foreign authorities concerned.

What the Bandits Want.

The bandits have proclaimed that they are prepared to accept the equivalent of the ransom demanded either in gold leaf, or in Mauser pistols and ammunition. On enquiry at the local office of the British American Tobacco Company this morning, we were informed that no further news was to hand regarding the affair, but that every possible measure was being taken to effect Mr. Rowson's release. The Company is working in close association with the British Consul at Pakhoi, and no stone will be left unturned to secure the safety of the party.

LOSS OF AUSTRALIAN BARQUENTINE.

Thrilling Story by Survivors.

CAPTAIN AND WIFE LOST.

Manila, May 3.
Four survivors, including the mate, boatwain and two seamen, of the Australian barquentine Amy Turner, which sank off Guam on April 24, who arrived at Manila from Surigao Bay, to-day, gave the following account of their experiences to Reuter's correspondent:—

We left Newcastle on March 21 for Manila with a cargo of coal. On the 23rd, a heavy wind, which developed into a typhoon, blew us out of our course.

On the 26th March, there were raging seas and wind. All the canvas was stripped. We floated helplessly for a mile or so.

Off Guam we sighted the wireless station on the cliffs. There was no harbour or shelter in sight. We flew distress signals, but could not attract attention. Within an hour or two Guam was lost sight of.

That night the storm intensified, reaching its height on the morning of the 27th March, and the boat was badly battered. The pumps were manned constantly. About noon, seams opened, and the ship sank quickly. Two boats were launched, but the Captain, Neils Neilson, accompanied by his wife, remained on board. They stood on the poop as the vessel nose-dived to the bottom and were never seen again.

One boat containing nine persons capsized. Only one, Lindholm, could swim, and he reached the remaining boat, which contained three people.

A sail was hoisted and a course set, the mate navigating, heading for the Philippines. The boat had canned goods and water, and the occupants held out well.

On the fourteenth day the occupants of the boat caught a dolphin on a line, which they ate raw, preserving their provisions. The men stood on watches, bailing and steering.

On the twenty-sixth day, the water became exhausted, and only one can of meat was left. That night it rained. Next day they sighted land, and made for the port of Surigao, where they arrived exhausted and without any clothes.

The Constabulary cared for the men, gave them clothing and sent them on to Manila.

The British Consul, who took charge of the men, is sending them on to Melbourne, from which port they all came and at which the Army Turner was registered.

The mate saved the ship's log, but nothing else.—Courtesy: "Daily Bulletin."

CONSPIRACY CASE.

Tricking the Pawnshop.

A series of larcenies involving jewellery of the amount of \$9,800 was disclosed by the hearing of a conspiracy case at the Magistracy this morning, when a flock of a pawnshop and another Chinese were charged.

Statements made during the hearing pointed to the perpetration of a number of ingenious frauds on the proprietor of the Lung Yik pawnshop. The stock of goods deposited at this place had not been overhauled for some time, but when this was done the proprietor discovered a big loss, various valuable pieces of jewellery being stolen. The system by which, it is alleged, the defendants carried out these thefts was stated by Sub-Inspector Pincott to be as follows:—The foki bought a pair of bangles which he handed to his confederate to be passed in as a pledge. Then this jewellery would again be taken out from the pawnshop and again turned in by the confederates. This trick, it could be conceived, might have gone on *ad infinitum*, had not the suspicions of another employee in the shop been aroused by the too-frequent sight of the pair of bangles. The proprietor checked his stock and the conspiracy was discovered.

The two men who are alleged to have been concerned in the conspiracy were remanded until the 14th instant.

NOTICE TO QUIT.

Plight of Bellios Terrace Residents.

Residents of Bellios Terrace are faced with the prospect of having to quit their houses within the next three months. It will be remembered that recently the whole of this terrace, numbering 37 houses, was purchased from the Bellios Estate by a syndicate of Chinese merchants. The new owners have now served notice on the tenants to the effect that they must give up possession by the end of July, as it is intended to pull down the whole block.

We are informed that over 200 residents are affected by this decision, and as a result of it they are placed in great difficulty regarding the securing of other accommodation. In view, however, of the fact that the houses are to be demolished, the new owners are quite within their legal rights in giving notice.

LAST NIGHT'S SHOOTING INCIDENT.

Robber Wounds European Sergeant.

Sergeant Dowse, of the local Police Force, was shot through the shoulder when tracking suspects in investigations that followed upon the occurrence of an armed robbery last night.

When a report was received at the Station that a gang of robbers had broken into No. 125, Des Voeux Road Central, premises occupied by an import and export firm, and had left after the premature raising of an alarm, Sergeant Dowse was one of many officers included in the party that scoured the town for traces of the desperadoes. He judged rightly that Shingwong Street would be a likely place to find the robbers, and it was whilst endeavouring to stop a number of men, with the object of a search for arms, that he was unexpectedly fired at, the bullet passing through the left shoulder close to the neck, but fortunately missed the jugular vein. The Sergeant had his revolver ready and he fired in return. Apparently the shots went wide, for his assailant escaped.

The injured Sergeant, we learned this morning, is progressing favourably, not being very seriously hurt by his wound.

In connection with the affair, the police have arrested several men and detained others, mostly females, for enquiries. As far as can be ascertained, no arms or weapons of any description were found on these people. A small boy aged 10, who says that he witnessed the shooting and would be able to identify the assailant, is one of these now under examination.

DAY BY DAY.

Attacks which had recently appeared in the Straits Times upon Colonel Pearson, the Municipal Engineer-in-Chief, were the subject of debate at the monthly meeting of the Singapore Municipal Commissioners on April 27th, when a motion was proposed protesting against the attacks and expressing confidence in the ability of Colonel Pearson. The motion was subsequently withdrawn on the suggestion that the matter had been sufficiently ventilated by the discussion.

The Singapore Free Press of April 28th states that H.M.S. Hawkins, flagship of the China Squadron, was expected to arrive in port that morning with Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson, Commander-in-Chief of the China Squadron, and Sir Charles Elliot, K.C.M.G., C.B., British Ambassador at Tokyo, on board. The new crew of the Hawkins is expected to arrive shortly by the P. and O. Syria, which has been taken over for transport service. Sir Charles Elliot is spending a few days in Singapore prior to embarking for home on the Mithras Maru.

JAPANESE CHARGED.

For Cocaine Possession and Bribery.

Shiro Fukushima, and managing partner of the Southern Trading Company, was charged before Mr. J.R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with being in unlawful possession of a quantity of cocaine and with bribing a Chinese Revenue Officer on being arrested.

A Chinese who was proved to be in the employment of the defendant in the Southern Trading Company and was carrying the drug for him was discharged. This man, Wong Fan, told the Court this morning that on the 3rd instant he met the defendant near the City Hall and took from him a parcel. They then left in rickshas. Whilst going along the Chinese business quarter, their rickshas were stopped at Bonham Strand by a revenue officer who opened the parcel and discovered it to contain cocaine, which, when weighed out, amounted to 84,000 doses. The value was \$304.

The defendant, who was following behind in the second ricksha, was arrested, and, when taken through a side street to go to the Imports and Exports Office for examination, he is alleged to have endeavoured to bribe the revenue officer. A piece of crumpled paper which the latter had had pushed into his hand was found later, on arrival at the Office, to be a banknote. For this the defendant was indicted on a second charge.

Questioned by the Magistrate, defendant admitted possession of the cocaine.

The hearing was adjourned.

THE FIRST ANTANANARIVO SAMPLE FAIR.

For the first time the great Island of Madagascar a French Colony in full economic development, invites its neighbours, French and Allies to take part in a Sample Fair to be held in Antananarivo, the capital in August and September 1923.

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Temperature 2 p.m. 71.
Humidity 2 p.m. 84.
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Lighting Up-Time. 6.51 p.m.

SIR PAUL CHATER.

Gives \$250,000 to University.

We are authorised to announce that the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., before leaving this morning for England, placed in the hands of H. E. the Governor, as Chancellor of the University, a cheque for \$250,000, as a contribution towards the funds of the Hongkong University.

NURSE CAVELL'S DOG.

It is stated that the British Museum has accepted the embalmed remains of Nurse Cavell's dog.

News in To-day's New Advertisements.

Notices concerning certain Insurance Companies appear on Page 4.

During the absence from the Colony of Mr. R.M. Dyer, Mr. E. Cock will act as Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company.—Page 4.

The wonderful film spectacle "Intolerance" is being screened at the Coronet Theatre.—Page 12. For particulars of houses and flats to let, refer to page 4. Powell's have received the latest in white footwear.—Page 7.

LISTEN.

Money expended on advertising should be put where it will yield the quickest, surest and largest returns in increased trade.

"Her Majesty," featuring Mollie King and Creighton Hale, is the current attraction at the World Theatre.—Page 12.

Forthcoming auction sales are advertised on Page 4.

Lost! Brindle bull dog.—Page 4.

"The Forbidden Woman" is the title of the current attraction at the Star Theatre.—Page 12.

In accordance with custom, notice is given to change a ship's name.—Page 4.

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LICENSED OPIUM
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How They Are Paid.

Interesting sidelights were thrown on the arrangements between the Imports and Exports Department and Government opium retailers in a case heard by Mr. C. D. Melbourne at the Magistracy yesterday afternoon. The defendant, Ng Shin-bing, a shrewd in the Government service, was charged on four counts of the larceny of \$5 and \$25 on different dates and with fraudulent conversion to his own use of same.

Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, Assistant Crown Solicitor, represented the Crown and Mr. K. L. Lofdeford, Mr. Hazlerigg said he would confine himself to the two charges in respect of the \$25 owing to the absence of his witnesses with regard to the other charges. The defendant, he said, was employed in the opium department of the Imports and Exports Office as a shrewd and was supervisor of the licensed opium retailers. These retailers were granted licenses by the Imports and Exports Department and were paid by the Government certain commissions in the form, in some cases, of fixed amounts independent of the sales effected by them, and in the other cases in the form of percentages which varied with the extent of their business. Part of the defendant's duty was to receive money from his Department every month for the payment of the retailers and obtain their signatures on the pay sheets for the amounts paid out. The allegation of the Crown was that on the 20th, April the accused, instead of paying the licensed retailer Li Chau-po \$70, to which he was entitled, paid him only \$15, appropriating to his own use the balance. Subject to his Worship's decision on the point he would submit that the defendant's action was not an isolated case of underpayment to the licensee and he would call evidence to prove that he had habitually underpaid different retailers and committed misappropriation.

The System Explained.

Mr. J. D. Lloyd, Superintendent of Imports and Exports, stated in evidence that the defendant, to the best of his belief, had been in the Government service since the taking over by the authorities of the opium monopoly in 1914 and had been in his present position since the death of his father a few years ago. The defendant's duty included periodical visits to licensed opium retailers to ascertain they were on their premises and whether their business had changed hands, to check their stocks to see if they were Government supply and to check the stocks with the entries in the books of sales which the retailers kept. The largest retailers, said Mr. Lloyd, were paid from \$10 to \$115 per month and the others certain percentages of their receipts varying from 1 to 15 per cent, these commissions being paid through the defendant. The Treasury, after the pay sheets had been sent in, would issue a cheque to witness as the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, and the money would go to his account in the Bank. For the payments to the retailers he made out cheques in favour of the Government, and in recent cases in favour of the defendant personally. Mr. Lloyd explained how the defendant paid out the money to

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE GERMAN NOTE.

London, May 3.

The general impression on the German Note in London is unfavourable. The proposals are regarded as inadequate and the tone unfortunate. France is expected to brusquely turn it down, though it is hoped in some quarters that it may lead to an exchange of views between the Allies which will open the way to more favourable developments.

The *Daily Mail* terms the Note impudent and insolent. The *Morning Post* says the framers have served up a mess of stale, rejected ingredients and hopes the Government will rally to the side of France and bring about Germany's surrender. The *Daily Telegraph* thinks the Note is ruined by stiff-necked attitude. The total offered is ludicrously short of the minimum Germany could raise and the paper can discern no hope whatever of a renewal of the negotiations on the basis laid down. The *Times* condemns the clumsy presentation and says it gives only the vaguest guarantees, yet the Note suggests points wherefrom steps might be taken in the direction of a settlement. The *Daily News* is disappointed at the Note and thinks Britain, Belgium, and Italy would probably accept the offer, but it is idle to hope France would be prepared to negotiate on this basis. The *Daily Chronicle* considers the amount offered too small, but urges that France should not prolong the quarrel. The *Westminster Gazette* thinks the Note requires a reasoned answer by all the Allies.

Paris, May 3.

It is semi-officially reported that the German Note is regarded as unacceptable in official French and Belgian circles. The French contend that it would simply suppress the Treaty of Versailles. It is declared that the Franco-Belgian Governments will reply by intensifying the exploitation of the Ruhr.

The *Intransigent* says that France will not negotiate until Germany acknowledges defeat.

The *Journal des Debats* says that Germany demands the evacuation of the Ruhr in exchange for a shadow.

The *Liberte* says the Note marks no improvements in German good faith.

The *Temps* says the French are in the Ruhr and will remain there.

Berlin, May 3.

Chancellor Cuno, in his speech submitting the Reparations Note to State Presidents and Premiers, said that on its success depended peaceful co-operation between Germany, France and even Europe. Failure would mean intensification of Germany's defensive struggle against destruction and her last means of furnishing reparations. They wanted peace, but the price must be payable.

Berlin, May 3.

The newspapers in no-wise give unqualified approval to the German offer. The Democratic and Socialist journals consider the offer to be the best possible at present, but the organs of the Right profess dismay at the immensity of the offer and accuse the Government of weakness. All newspapers agree that passive resistance in the Ruhr must continue until an agreement has been reached.

New York, May 3.

The majority of the morning papers express the opinion that the German offer provides a possible basis of settlement of reparations and should not be brushed aside, with the exception of the *Tribune*, which declares the Note shows that injured innocence and illimitable self-pity is still the foundation stone of the German attitude. Continued occupation of the Ruhr could only guarantee Germany's creditors.

Duesseldorf, May 3.

The Burgomaster of Dalshausen has been arrested and the town fined fifty million marks, as the result of a bomb being thrown at a troop train.

NATIONAL FLAG AGITATION.

Nagpur, May 3.

In view of the recurrence of the national flag agitation the Government has warned local bodies that the hoisting of a flag other than the Union Jack will be penalised by the refusal of the Government grant and other disciplinary measures.

RUBBER DIRECTOR DEAD.

London, May 3.

Mr. Christopher Melkie, a Director of the Anglo-Sumatra and other rubber companies, left \$116,868.

THE IRISH SITUATION.

London, May 3.

The Free State Government has apparently determined to ignore De Valera's offer of a truce, judging from the fact that no allusion was made thereto at yesterday's meeting of the Dail. The Irregulars are at present strictly obeying the order to cease operations.

The inference drawn from President Cosgrave's silence is that the Government does not intend to give De Valera a chance to resurrect old issues, now that the Irregulars have evidently reached the end of their resources.

SOVIET'S INSOLENCE.

London, May 3.

The Soviet Government has climbed down as the result of the strong protest made by Great Britain against the seizure of the Hull trawler. Lieut-Commander Kenworthy states that the Russian trade delegation to London informed him that the Soviet had quashed the sentence of the Archangel court under which the trawler had been confiscated and the skipper imprisoned and fined.

ASIATIC IMMIGRATION.

London, May 3.

The *Montreal Star*, whose Editor has been touring the Far East, in an editorial on Asiatic immigration, says that British Columbia must keep constantly in mind that China is not to be insulted for ever with impunity and advocates putting India and Pacific China on as favourable a basis of treatment as armed Japan.

TRAFFIC IN FOREIGN EXCHANGES.

Berlin, May 3.

The Government has submitted to the Reichsrat a Bill strictly regulating the traffic in foreign exchanges and empowering the authorities to demand surrender of any foreign currency in possession which is unjustified by business needs.

MARKS FALL FURTHER.

London, May 3.

Marks have receded to between 155,000 and 158,000 to the pound sterling.

IMMORALITY IN HOTEL.

Magistrate's Comments on a Bad Custom.

This is against the morals and customs of both the Chinese and the foreigners, and we must stop the practice," remarked Mr. Kuon (Magistrate) who sat with Mr. Davis (American Assessor), in the Shanghai Mixed Court recently when Lien Hong-nee, manager of the Vee Sing Hotel, was charged with (1) failing to keep his books in proper order and failing correctly to register his guests, and (2) allowing prostitution to be carried on in his premises, 24 Shansee Road.

Sub-Inspr. Moore said that, as the result of the police receiving a letter, he visited the hotel in question and there found a number of men and women together in different bedrooms, some gambling. He warned the hotel-keeper and the next time he visited the place he found all of the rooms, but one, cleared out. Some of the women told him their names on the first occasion he went to the place and when he examined the books he found that the names did not correspond with the register.

Mr. H. R. Snyder, for the defence, said he took violent exception to the way the police came to Court with unsubstantiated evidence. All that Sub-Inspr. Moore had told the Court was what he had heard, and no man, submitted counsel, could be sent to prison upon hearsay evidence. He asked for a dismissal.

After having been directed by the Court to continue, Mr. Snyder cross-examined Sub-Inspr. Moore. The police, it was further said could not control every woman who went into the place; they could not ask whether or not they were respectable. Only the men's names appeared, he said, in some of the registers.

Mr. Snyder said that it was no crime on the part of the hotel-keeper if men and women took rooms there. There was not a hotel in Shanghai that was not guilty of the same crime as the accused. Every hotel was doing the same.

The Magistrate said it was a bad custom which must be stopped. Customs in Shanghai were more or less a merger of Chinese-foreign customs. There need not have been actual prostitution—but men and women could not have been together in the hotel at that time of the night, i.e., after 10 o'clock for a purpose that was honourable. The practice was against the morals and customs of both the Chinese and foreigners, and it was the intention of the Court to put a stop to it. The hotel-keeper must have known or suspected what was going on. If he knew and allowed the practice to go on, he was simply encouraging clandestine prostitution. He should at least have taken the necessary precautions.

Mr. Snyder said that he did not think that it was against foreign customs.

The Assessor said it was against both foreign and Chinese.

After consultation the man was fined \$30.

Mr. Snyder asked that the man's licence be returned to him, a request which was granted.

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By Order of the Board of Directors.
S. J. JORDAIN,
Secretary.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office, UNION BUILDING, Hongkong on FRIDAY, 25th. May, 1923, at NOON for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1922, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 11th May to 25th May both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
Acting General Manager.
Hongkong, 5th. May, 1923.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, UNION BUILDING, Hongkong on FRIDAY, 25th. May, 1923, at 12.20 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December 1922, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 11th May to 25th May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
Acting General Manager.
Hongkong, 4th. May, 1923.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, UNION BUILDING, Hongkong on FRIDAY, 25th. May, 1923, at 12.15 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1922, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 11th May to 25th May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
Acting General Manager.
Hongkong, 4th. May, 1923.

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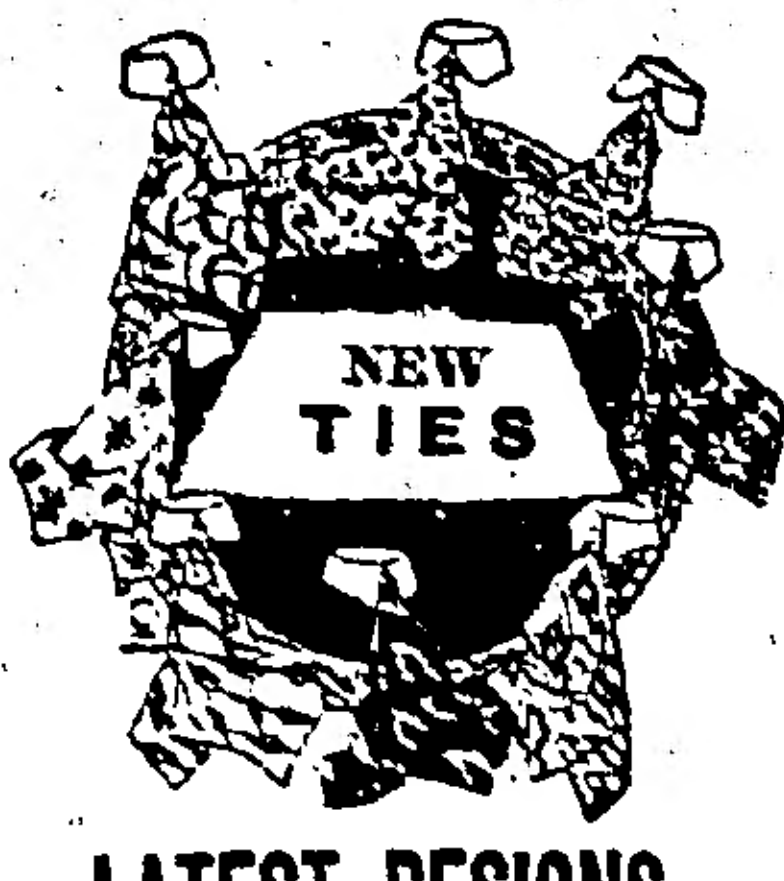
By Order of the Board,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 4th. May, 1923.

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE SHIP'S NAME.

I, Archibald Orr Lang, of Messrs. Gibb, Livingstone & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, hereby give notice that, in consequence of change of ownership, I have applied to the Board of Trade, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the steam launch "Union" of Hongkong, Official No. 142232, of gross tonnage 35.20 tons, registered, tonnage 23.94 tons, hitherto owned by the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., for permission to change her name to "Yan Kee" and to have her registered in the new name, at the port of Hongkong, as owned by Archibald Orr Lang. Any objection to the proposed change of name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hongkong within 7 days from the appearance of this advertisement.

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By their Attorney,
ICHIRO KAWAGUCHI.
SUZUKI & COMPANY, LTD.
By their Attorney,
ICHIRO KAWAGUCHI.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Forty-second Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the undersigned on Thursday, the 10th. May 1923, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1922.

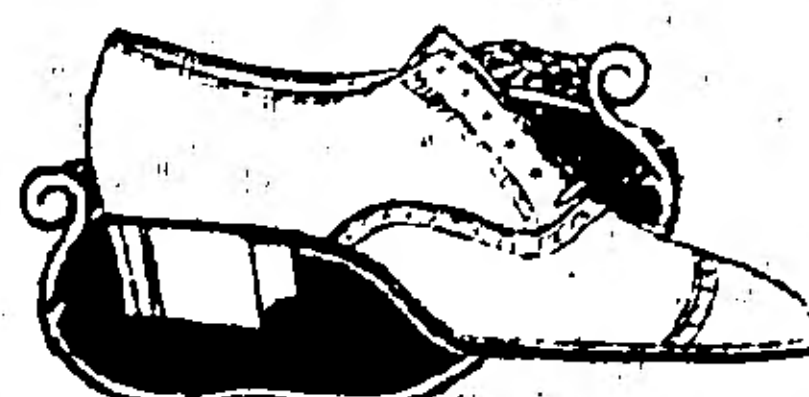
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In England hunting for criminals is not encouraged. Recently a woman appeared at the Central Criminal Court in London on a charge of bigamy, to which she pleaded guilty.

She was married in 1885 to a man who proved to be a drunkard and a wife-beater, who deserted her and left her destitute. Ten years later she married another man with whom she had lived happily ever since. Through some means the police became aware of the fact that there were doubts as to her first husband being dead and the woman was arrested, when she admitted having seen her first husband two years before she had married her second.

As the term between her having seen her first husband and her marriage to her second was not sufficient to warrant the legal presumption that the first was dead, she was committed for trial, with the result that the judge passed a formal sentence of one day's imprisonment, which meant that she would be released immediately. It appears that if the woman had not admitted that she had seen her first husband a year or two before she married the second the law could not have touched her. As it was the judge thought it was a case which should never have been brought, as it was a hunting for criminals.

The police attempted to defend themselves by stating that the woman was arrested because she had admitted that she had seen her husband in 1908 and that she married her second in 1910, but the judge only drily remarked that he thought they were living in 1923.

AIRSHIPS TO MAP THE WORLD.

Aviation of Future Will Be Exploration Medium.

New York: The 180-foot dirigible Z.R.-1, which is to carry American naval officers and crew over the North and South Poles, according to Rear Admiral William A. Moffett, Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics, is more than three-fourths built and will be ready for service on July 1. It was learned recently at Lakehurst, N. S. where the giant flyer is under construction.

The engines are now being tested by the Packard Company in Detroit. Its 2,000,000 cubic feet of helium will be carried in eighteen gas bags.

The dirigible trip over the North and South Poles is perfectly feasible and is bound to be made in the near future, according to Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the explorer and author of "The Friendly Arctic" and books on the far North.

It was the certainty that such trips were soon to be made and were to continue that caused Mr. Stefansson to retire from his life-work of exploring and pioneering in the Arctic. The remaining work of writings in the detail on the blank space on the map of the world will be accomplished by photography from dirigibles and the explorer's occupation gone according to Mr. Stefansson. Scientists will continue to make intensive surveys of little-known localities. But discoveries in the few remaining unexplored regions are all to be accomplished incidentally as a byproduct of air-travel, according to Mr. Stefansson.

WRANGLER ISLAND A KEY POINT.

The explorer, who is a Canadian and who two years ago sent a party to Wrangler Island in the Arctic north of Siberia to occupy it as a British air base, discussed its strategic value. With further development of flying, Mr. Stefansson asserted that Wrangler would become the key point of air strategy in the Arctic. On the question of transpolar air commerce, Mr. Stefansson said: "In crossing the Atlantic the dirigible or any flying craft has to compete with ocean liners, but in crossing the polar area there is no competition with any other form of transport except for the possible development of the submarine which has been suggested by various writers, including Simon Lake and myself."

"If you look on a globe you will see that the shortest route between Great Britain and Japan is across the North Polar area. The difference in distance between that route and the shortest railway and steamer route by the Trans-Siberian railway is about 3,000 miles."

"Then, in the Summers, there are other advantages. Perhaps the most important is continual daylight. If you leave England in the early morning, going north, you will reach the region of the midnight sun before your first sunset. You will not leave the continual daylight until you approach Japan, so that even at the speed no greater than that of the R-34 there will be only one night's darkness in the whole journey, and by careful manoeuvring you would probably avoid even that."

ENGINE TESTS A SUCCESS.

"This will have a practical advantage in any kind of traffic including tourist. The second point is that the jumps are all short, the longest being less than 400 miles between possible supply stations. Incidentally, an important advantage of continuous daylight is the prevention of loss of gas."

"Years from now, when Siberia and Canada are colonized to a great extent, the air communication will be much more important. The development will be of immediate importance to Alaska, Canada and Northern Europe and Japan."

Commander R. Weyerbacher, who is in charge of the construction of the dirigible at Lakehurst, said yesterday that part of the gasoline system had already been installed and that tests of the engines so far had been highly satisfactory.

Each of the six engines will have six cylinders. The gasoline supply tanks will be detachable, and additional tanks may be placed on the dirigible for long trips.

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"FAMILY WAGES."

A Growing System in Europe.

Some countries are developing the "family wage system," under which the worker's income varies according to his family responsibilities. France has, so far, proceeded furthest in this direction. No doubt the paramount reason for the support which this policy has received from employers is the desire to encourage larger families in order to avert the threatened scarcity of native French labour in the future. The arguments which have hitherto been put forward in favour of "payment according to need" have been of a different character. In France the "family wage system" is now advocated as a means of increasing the population. The movement is a voluntary one, and the policy has been put into operation by certain employers and groups of employers. The general method appears to be for each of a group of employers to contribute to a compensation fund an amount calculated on his wages bill, the proceeds being used to pay family allowances. There were 107 such funds at the end of last year, covering nearly a million workers, with 300,000 children under fourteen years of age, and the annual disbursement of family allowances was about 90,000,000 francs. If the public administrations and the private enterprises that pay family allowances, but do not belong to a compensation fund, are included, the total annual disbursement in family allowances for the whole country is said to be some 360,000,000 francs in respect of 24 million workers. It will be seen, therefore, that the plan is now being carried out on a considerable scale.

THE PRACTICE IN GERMANY.

In Germany the system of paying extra allowances in respect of family responsibilities is now very widespread. The family wage principle has been applied to some extent at least in practically every trade, whilst there are a number of important industries in which it is universally recognised, including the coal mines, mechanical engineering, and textile industries. In Belgium, Holland, Austria, and Czechoslovakia the system is, in varying degrees, in operation.

Broadly speaking, the pressure of the social and economic problems created by the rise in the cost of living has been responsible for the growth of the movement in favour of the family wage system. Whether it will continue permanently remains to be seen. In the long run, of course, it will not increase the wages of the workers as a whole. It will, however, result in a different distribution of wages amongst the workers. In other words, workers without dependents will get less in order that workers with dependants may get more. It is clear that employers will resist any attempt to use the scheme in such a way as to increase labour costs for a given amount of production. The broad effect of the scheme will therefore be to re-distribute wages. The working of the family wage system will be watched with interest in this country, but until all its implications have been examined, it is hardly likely to be generally embraced. There is something to be said for the principle in certain circumstances; but it is doubtful whether capitalist industry provides those circumstances. On the other hand, there is a good deal to be said against it from the Labour point of view.

which also will be treated in the same manner as the gas bag to resist the weather. Work was started on the dirigible April 6 last. When completed the ZR-1 will be piloted on preliminary tests by Commander F. R. McCrary, who will in all probability also pilot the airship on the proposed Polar expedition.

The hangar in which the dirigible is being built was constructed especially for this purpose. A German dirigible, of approximately the same size as the ZR-1, is expected to arrive here from Germany, as part of the reparations payment, on July 1, and both airships will be housed in this one big hangar.

Officials at the Naval Air Station said they were not surprised by Rear Admiral Moffett's statement that the navy would attempt a conquest of the Poles by air. They said such an intimation had already been made by Naval officials in Washington, and expressed the belief that the ZR-1 would be fully capable of such expeditions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph.")

A Kowloon Danger.

Sir,—I am sending you herewith copy of a letter I have addressed to the Director of Public Works, the subject of which I am sure will be of interest and a warning to your readers.

Enclosing my card.
Yours etc.
VIC GIM.
Hongkong, May 4th, 1923.

(Enclosure.)
Sir,—In many parts of Kowloon in the gutter ways there are drain traps with circular iron covers loosely placed over them. These covers easily become shifted or displaced, either by accident or maliciously. Yesterday evening, I was stepping from the pavement by No. 1, Aimal Villas on the road when I stepped on a drain trap which tilted and I fell: my right leg went down the hole and became badly injured, and I seriously hurt my right hand and arm in the fall. I have known of other accidents in this connection.

Whilst on this subject, I might mention that I have seen an iron cover of a drain and manhole in the road by Aimal Villas quite removed. I replaced it.

These drain trap covers and manhole covers appear to be simply resting on a small rim of iron in the iron fitting on which they are placed.

This circumstance, I venture to suggest, constitutes a public danger, which should be remedied without delay.

A STRAY FRAGMENT.

The Curious Island of Ada-Kaleh.

Bucarest: A Constantinople telegram announces that in the counter-propositions to the Lausanne Treaty, the Angora Government has put in a claim to the island of Ada-Kaleh. This news brings into prominence one of the strangest examples of race survival in Europe, and marks another threat to the virtual independence of an isolated tribe of Mohammedans, surrounded by two Western peoples.

Ada-Kaleh is a minute island, situated in the Danube opposite Orsova, in Roumania, with Serbia on the other bank. The inhabitants are of purely Turkish descent, and, throughout a very turbulent history, have preserved their racial characteristics intact. They have practically no intercourse with the mainland, and grow their own crops and raise their own poultry, so that during the war, when they were blockaded by successive invasions, they were able to support themselves, though with considerable difficulty, in spite of attempts by Russian, Serbian, and Austro-Hungarian armies to subdue them, they have always preserved their independence. In the past the island was used as a stronghold by the Turks for the defence of the Danube, and relics of ancient fortresses are still visible there.

The houses are purely Turkish, and to cross the few metres of water that separate the island from the mainland is to pass from the West to the Orient; the bazzars are filled with coffee houses, where the inhabitants sit in the shade and gossip, smoking cigarettes of their own manufacture. The women are all strictly veiled, and, with the exception of a small military detachment, there are no Christians in Ada-Kaleh. The people lead a life of peaceful Orientalism, selling cigarettes, roses and Turkish delight to the few summer visitors who disturb them. The export of their cigarettes is the one and only breach of the tobacco monopoly allowed throughout the kingdom by the Roumanian authorities, and boats returning from the island laden with suspicious parcels are rarely examined by the Orsova Customs officers.

During the war the inhabitants ran the risk of extermination when the country round Orsova was overrun by the Austro-Hungarian troops, but they put up a gallant defence against the invaders, and were finally left in an isolation that almost brought them to disaster, as they were unable to dispose of their products. Under the new Roumanian regime they have been given a good deal of independence, and their peculiar rights and customs have been respected. The Turkish claim to sovereignty over these islanders is a matter of pure bluff, and based on no political principles except a vague dream that all Mohammedans in Europe should eventually come under Turkish rule.

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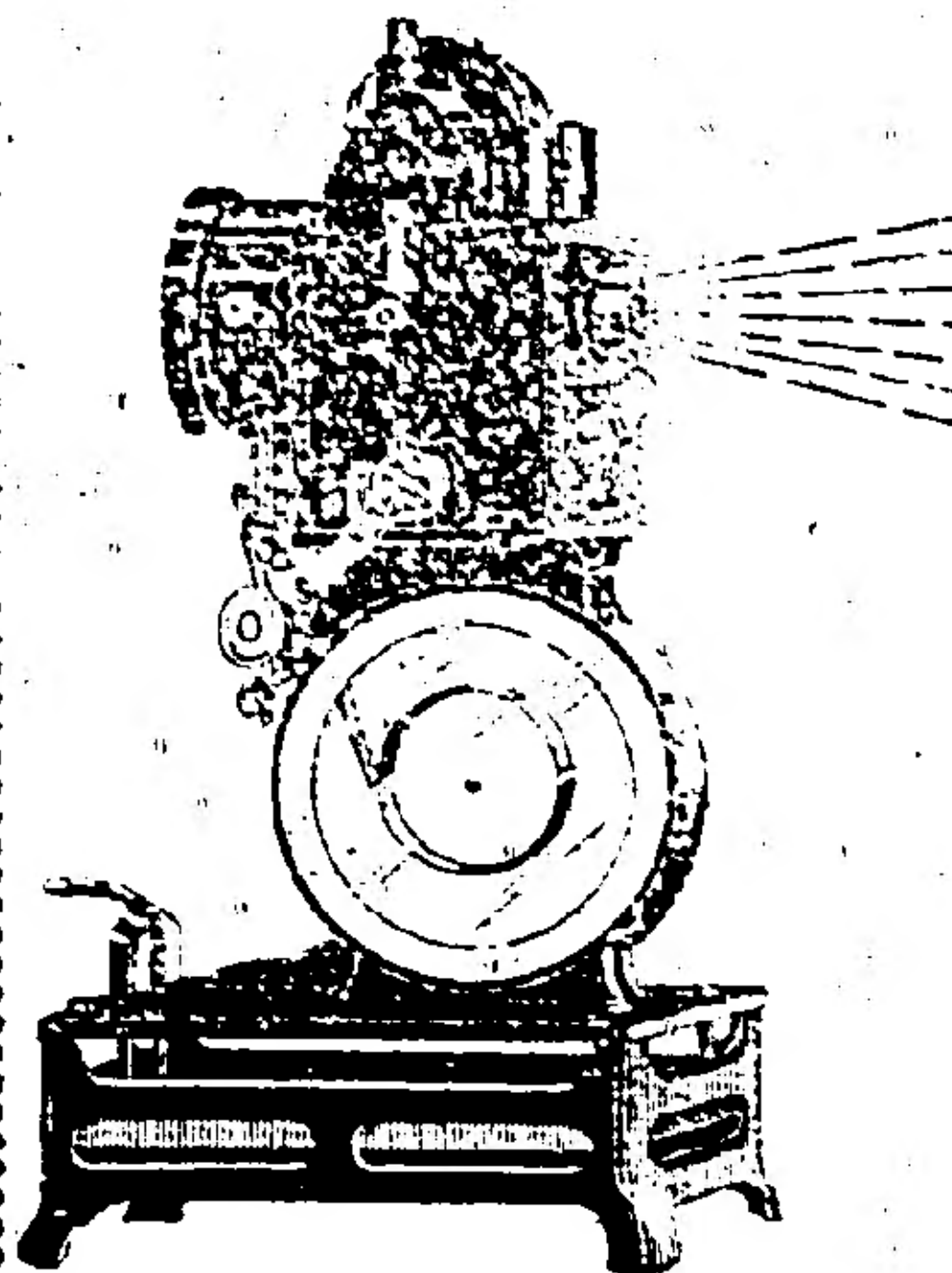
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ELEPHANT'S FOOT.

An Episode of Africa.

I was sitting with the District Commissioner on the verandah of his mud house, sufficiently cool to go out after pigeon. I had no business there, but I had not seen a white man for three weeks and had trekked over for a civilized meal and a talk. It was a nice bush station, right off the line of the wire, and the Amalekites at headquarters were not likely to hear of my self-appointed holiday.

His orderly appeared outside: "Plenty man from bush want look you, sah!"

"Tell 'em come for here."

A motley group of villagers, for the most part garbed only in wisps of loin cloth, straggled round the corner of the house. Not one of them could speak English so the orderly interpreted. Their story, boiled down, was this, but it took a long time in the telling.

They came from a group of scattered bush villages among which a mad elephant had appeared. He must be mad, because he was ruining all their yam and cassava farms, trampling and rooting up far more than he could eat. And would the honourable and much-respected white man come and see about it? They did not mention the fact, but they evidently knew very well, that the white man most certainly would. The mere mention of big game would have raised the Commissioner from his death-bed. (Incidentally, a wounded buffalo got him in the long grass not long after).

The suppliants were dismissed with instructions to wait for the white man at the central village the following evening. The Commissioner turned to me.

"I can get through my court cases by lunch to-morrow. It is a fifteen-mile trek, and we can do it in the afternoon and be ready for dawn the next day. I'll send over for MacWhirter in the morning to make a third and get in

my three pet native hunters." He took my coming for granted.

This MacWhirter was in charge of a British Cotton-growing Association plantation eight miles away. I am not prepared to swear on oath that he did not grow or buy cotton, but I never saw him do it. Cotton may have been the relaxation of his spare moments, but his real mission in life appeared to be connected with guns and rifles. He was waiting for us all right at the appointed place the following evening.

The laws of Nigeria decreed that a licence to shoot elephant cost £10 for six months and £20 for a year, but as there was a close season of six months nobody ever took a year's licence. Gilbert and Lewis Carroll would have loved the laws of Nigeria. None of us had a licence, but the Commissioner was the licensing authority, and we arranged that a licence could be issued to the lucky man, antedated, if and after the elephant was shot.

THE FIRST "BAG."

Before dawn we were among the farms. We advanced singly in line, each accompanied by a native hunter, at about half-mile intervals, the Commissioner in the centre. Toward noon I heard his rifle speak twice (he was using a doubled-barrelled 450 cordite Express), and I hurried in the direction of the sound. I found him sitting proudly on the dead elephant, surrounded by hundreds of villagers, who had apparently sprung out of the bush.

It was rather a poor specimen, with tusks only 31lb. and 32lb. When we cut them out we found an abscess the size of a turnip at the root of one of them. No wonder the poor beast had been mad. He must have had a monumental toothache.

We gave the carcass to the villagers—bush niggers will eat anything—retaining only the tusks, toenails, and the hairs from the tail as amulets. Moreover, since we had all read in boys' books of adventure that ele-

phant's foot, grilled in the embers, was delicious eating, we took a foot also.

In the evening we watched it bake whole in our camp fire while thoroughly fortifying ourselves with cocktails in order to do justice to the special dish. When it appeared, at table a strong aroma arose as of a town whose staple industries were the manufacture of glue, and patent fertilizers. However, we each took a ration of the viscous brown mess on our tin plates, sampled it simultaneously, and looked at one another. If imagination can conceive a compound of sealing wax, train oil, blood, and the essence of cast-off boot soles, that about describes the delicacy.

The Commissioner flung his plate out into the night with a roar, "Boy! tell cook kill fowl; make chief n cutlet one time; kill tin sardine; and for God's sake, pass more cock-tail!"

If the reader is tempted to go big game shooting with the idea of eating elephant's foot, he is advised to take with him disinfectants and a cookery-book tell how it should be prepared—if he can find one.—Times contributor.

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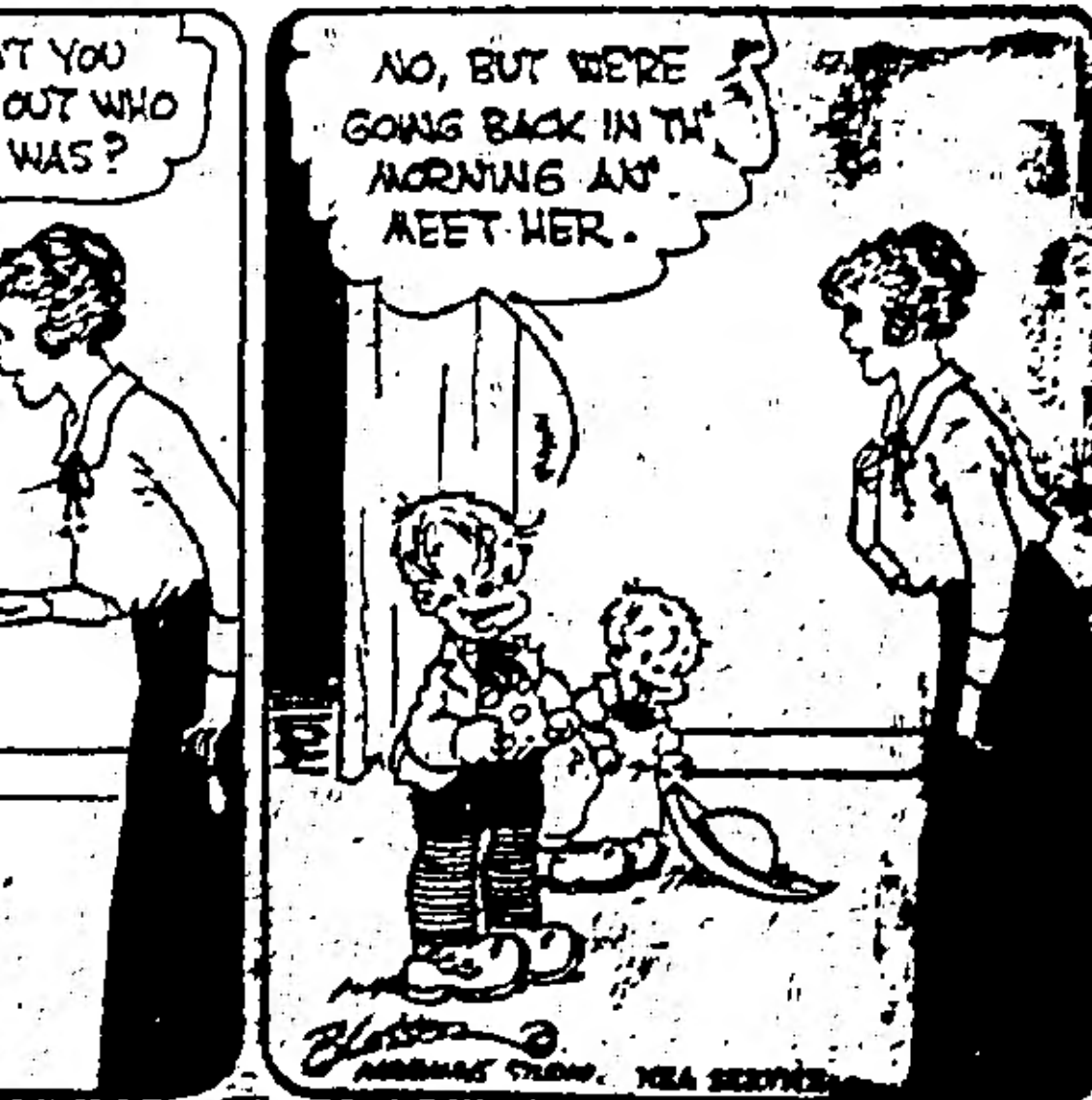
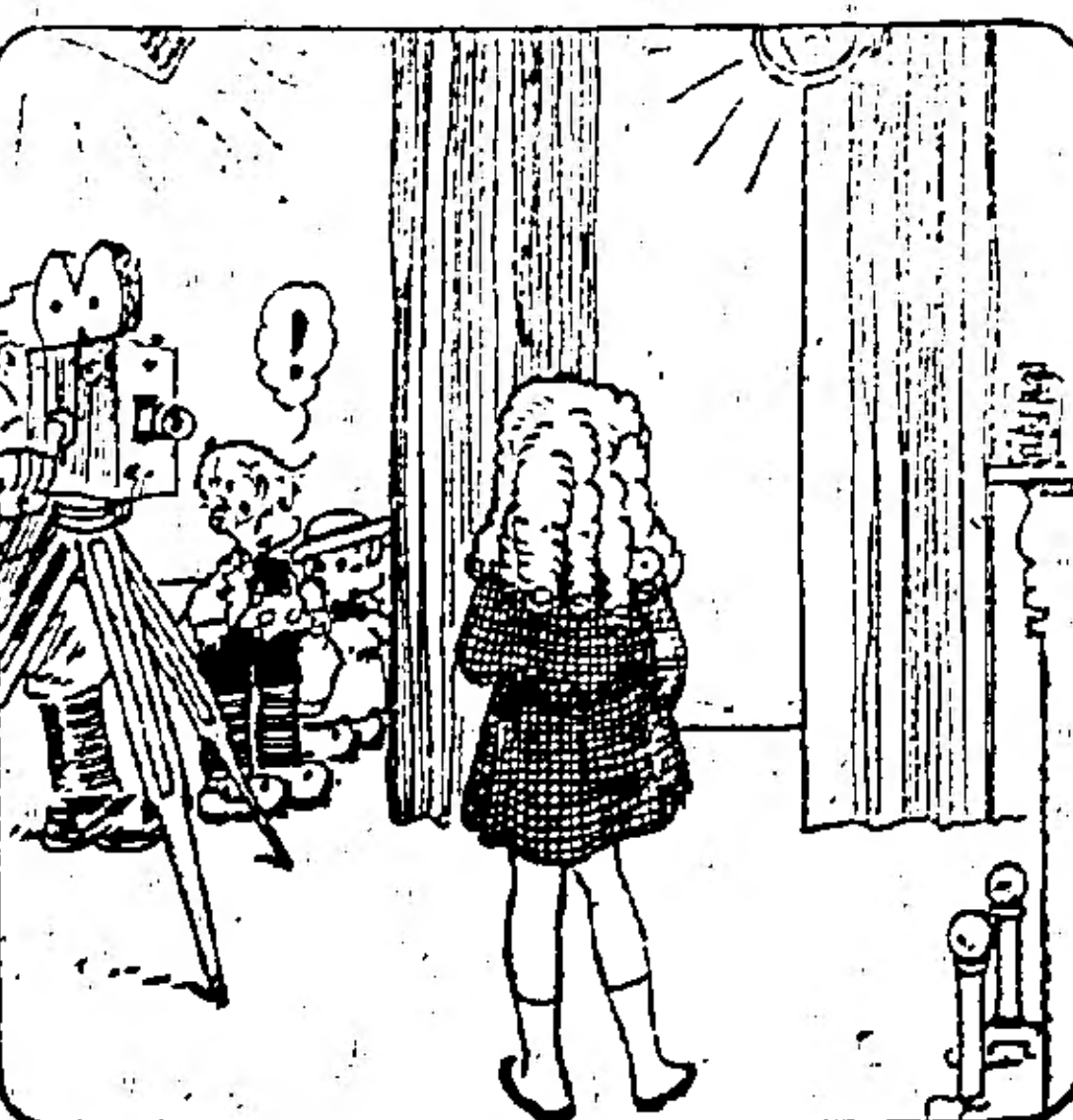
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SLAVERY.

To many it must seem surprising that the slave trade still exists in the third decade of the twentieth century. The abolition of slavery in British territories was completed nearly a hundred years ago, and the name of Wilberforce will always be associated with the agitation that resulted in the emancipation of the wretches who were bred and sold like cattle for the labour markets, and then flogged like cattle until they veritably died in harness. The events leading up to the abolition of slavery in America are also well known. The inheritance those Southern planters have left their country is the Negro element, increasing in numbers, and one of the domestic problems that the United States will probably never be able to solve satisfactorily. Virtual, if not actual, slavery has persisted until to-day in portions of Africa and Asia, but it is still something of a shock to read of recent events in Abyssinia, where a flourishing trade, recalling the blackest days of barter and sale of human beings, is in existence.

In a letter to the *Times* a month ago, Major Henry Darley, who was formerly a frontier agent in South-West Abyssinia, made sensational allegations as to this modern slave traffic. He declared that an area in southern Abyssinia three hundred miles square had been depopulated and devastated by slave traders, and since the Emperor Menelik's death a million people had been killed or carried into bondage; and that those engaged in the business were turning to fields afresh and pastures new in neighbouring territories, including areas under Britain's sway. Apparently in reply to this, we now have a White Paper issued by the Home Government containing the report of the British Legation at Addis Abeba, drawn up more than a year ago (if the cabled date is correct), "which denies that the slave trade in Abyssinia has increased"—but does not deny it exists—and points out that the slave-producing districts are being gradually depopulated—a coolly-stated confirmation of the abominable traffic. The cream of the report is in the statement that "the frontiers of Abyssinia

now march everywhere with those of the civilised Powers." These Powers are all members of the League of Nations, and one wonders whether they can spare a thought—even in the midst of their other interests, personal ones for the most part—for the poor wretches across the frontiers of their African territories. Modern diplomacy is a great institution, and modern civilisation is rated as being quite as great, but there are some modern truths that make one ponder whether hypocrisy is entirely left out of world affairs.

Honour to Whom—

The unveiling of a statue to the late Sir Henry May yesterday was an outward manifestation of the high esteem and regard in which the Colony held a former Governor. The name of Sir Henry May will long be remembered here, because he gave practically the whole of his life to Hongkong and died before he could enjoy what would have been a well-earned rest from years of hard toil. He came here as a young cadet and eventually rose to the highest position which the Colony had to offer. His career was a record of conscientious and unrelenting service to Hongkong. He was "a strong man," a very hard worker, and an official of marked administrative genius. Outspoken in his utterances, firm in his convictions and always prepared to follow to the bitter end any course which he considered right, it was perhaps inevitable that he should make enemies. That is an experience common to all men of the temperament of our late Governor. But even his biggest opponents never for a moment questioned his sincerity of purpose or his integrity of character. These were undoubted. On the occasion of his retirement, glowing tributes were paid to his services to this Colony. And we can do no better in closing than to recall what Sir Paul Chater then said of him: "Undeterred by criticism and undaunted by obstacles, he pressed unflinchingly forward to the end he had in view—an end which he rarely failed to achieve." Such was the man, such his tenacity of purpose. Hongkong does well to keep his memory green by erecting a lasting monument to him in the very heart of the city which he loved and served so well.

"An Organised Lie."

This was the description which the London *Morning Post* gave to the so-called British Labour demonstration at the Japanese Embassy in London to demand the withdrawal of the Japanese troops from Saghalien. The same journal states that the demonstrators were a group of alien-Bolshevik agents in London, adding that the British working man knows and cares nothing about the question at issue. We are quite prepared to believe all that our contemporary says. We are certain that the British working man is not in the least degree interested in the question whether the Japanese troops remain in Saghalien or not—he probably wouldn't even be able to pronounce the word if he were asked to, much less would he be likely to know where the place is. The whole thing is a very transparent "wangle"—the work of interested wirepullers. It is intended to impress the Japanese Government, no doubt. But we can trust our former Allies to see through the whole business.

DEATH OF MR. HOWARD PALMER.

Mr. T. C. Woo, of the local agency of Messrs. Huntley and Palmer, informs us that he is in receipt of an advice to the effect that Mr. W. Howard Palmer, J.P., chairman of the well-known biscuit manufacturing firm, of Reading, died on March 17th, after a long illness. Mr. Palmer was a man of high character and great business ability, and his death is widely regretted. He had intended, shortly before he was taken ill, to pay a business visit to China.

A number of friends met on Blake Pier this morning to bid bon voyage to Sir Paul and Lady Chater, who sailed for England on the s.s. *Empress of Australia*. Messrs. E. H. Wilson, L. D. Martyn and N. T. MacReynolds were present on behalf of E.A.S.M.A. Mr. Wilson presenting Lady Chater with a beautiful bouquet of dahlias.

DAY BY DAY.

NOTHING CAN BRING YOU PEACE BUT YOURSELF. NOTHING CAN BRING YOU PEACE BUT THE TRIUMPH OF PRINCIPLES.—*Emerson.*

Capt. W. B. Moorhead is granted leave of absence to proceed to the United Kingdom.

Mr. Temple Bevan is to act as organist and choirmaster at St. John's Cathedral until a new appointment is made.

A District Court Martial is to be held on May 5th. for the trial of Pte. Cyril Row and Pte. Stanley Williams, of the King's Battalion.

The Italian Consulate in Hongkong has received the following telegram from Shanghai:—"H.R.H. the Duke of Spoleto is now out of danger and his health is getting better day by day."

For using drags, grappling irons and other means for the purpose of lifting articles from the bed of the harbour, the master of a fishing boat was fined \$5 at the Marine Court this morning.

The appeal by the Nanyang Bros. Tobacco Co. against a decision given in favour of the Procurator General in Hongkong for the Society des Missions Etrangeres was concluded yesterday afternoon. Judgment was reserved.

Mariners are warned that there is the floating wreckage of a junk in Lat. 22.45 north, Long. 116.14 east, which is dangerous to navigation. A waterlogged fishing junk, just awash, is reported in lat. 22.40 north, long. 115.59 east.

The Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Co. disbanded in Japan, some of the members leaving by the P. & O. s.s. *Karmala* for Home. Mr. Roy Smith leaves for Australia to-morrow, and he is to form the new Williamson Comedy Co. which will appear here next year.

Our Picture Page to-morrow will include photographs of Sir William Brunsford, who is shortly to retire as Vice-Chancellor of the Hongkong University, and of General Yeung Hsian-man, the victorious Yunnanese leader now operating in and around Canton; a group taken at the dinner given to Mr. J. McCubbin; a snapshot of the mixed doubles final in the H.K.C.C. tennis tournament; and a photograph of Mr. O. Runjahn, Hongkong's promising young tennis player.

There was a large exodus by the s.s. *Empress of Australia* to-day. Those departing included Sir Paul and Lady Chater, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Sim, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Denys, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Kom-tong, Mr. and Mrs. E. Howard, Mrs. Petrie, Mrs. G. M. Shaw, Dr. J. C. Allan, Mr. E. des Voeux, Col. Alex. Reiss, Mr. P. W. Massey, Mr. M. S. Sassoon, Mr. R. F. Mattingly, Mr. J. E. Joseph, Mr. Ho Fook, Mr. Ng Sze-kwong, Mr. T. E. Pearce, and Mr. T. G. Weall.

Clara Kimball Young, the brilliant star whose fine performance in "The Cheaters" local cinema-goers will still remember, has an equally big part as the heroine of "The Forbidden Woman," which the management of the Star Theatre, Kowloon, are screening to-day. As Diane Sorel, the beautiful Parisian actress who becomes an outcast of society for something that she had no hand in doing, the popular actress has a role which furnishes her with wide opportunities to display her very rich store of histrionic talent. The superb settings of the film are one of its outstanding features.

By the *Empress of Australia*, Mr. Sillas Sassoon, one of the Colony's most familiar figures, left for good to-day, after a residence extending over 43 years. He is to break his journey at Shanghai and will later leave there by the *Empress of Canada* for England, where he intends settling down. Mr. Sassoon, who has been an exchange broker here for the past 20 years, has made numerous friends in the Colony, with real regret. He has been very closely identified with the Jockey Club, and for many years has been official time-keeper at the Race Meetings.

NORTH RIVER FIGHTING.

Heavy Blow to Kwangsi Forces.

If the information given in a letter reaching Hongkong yesterday is correct, Dr. Sun Yat-sen's troops have inflicted a big defeat on the Kwangsi troops in the North River district. The letter states:—"Dr. Sun's forces have gained a decisive victory in the North River region. On the afternoon of April 29 Dr. Sun's forces made a general attack on the enemy, who had two northern brigades in the centre supported by Kwangsi forces on the wing. They were stationed on the hills around Yintsinhoang on the Canton-Hankow railway. "On the morning of 1st May, a flanking force, personally conducted by General Tsang Kwong-liang, succeeded in getting to the rear of the enemy, who then became utterly disorganised and fled in great disorder. The enemy suffered a loss of 1,500 casualties, besides 1,000 prisoners captured. The Commander-in-Chief of the northern forces was identified among the dead by prisoners of war. "Large captures of ammunition were also made, among them being a dozen machine guns, a battery of Krupp 7.5 centimetre guns and over one and a half million rounds of ammunition, as well as three train loads of supplies. "A competent military observer expressed the opinion that nothing is left for General Shun Kung-ying, in order to save his forces, than to beat a hasty retreat. In the course of a week or ten days he believes the North River region will be completely cleared of the enemy."

News from Other Fronts. A further report reaching us states that a counter-attack was made by the Kwangsi troops on May 2nd, near Ngan Chan Ho, but they were repulsed with heavy losses and the loss of numerous guns.

News from the East River district states that a battle commenced on April 30th, between the independent force and the Cantonese troops in the vicinity of Cheung Mok Tau station. The latter were defeated, owing, it is said, to spies within their ranks. Dr. Sun has ordered part of the forces on the West River to strengthen the Cantonese in this area.

A report from Samshui states that the Cantonese troops and the fleet of gunboats commanded by Chan Chak have, in consequence of the largely increased strength of the Kwangsi forces, moved down as far as Kwonglee and have made an urgent request for ammunition.

It is reported that General Ngai Bong-ping has refused the appointment as Commander-in-Chief in the West River district, and that General Yiu Yu-ping, the Commander-in-Chief in the East River district, has resigned for some unknown reason and left for Hongkong.

According to a report from the Sun Wai district, a former divisional commander has collected his old troops as well as pirates and bandits, the total force numbering 5,000 and has seized the three districts of Yeung Kwong, Yeung Chun and Tin Pak, in the south-western part of the province, and that the force is marching from three directions to Hoi Ping and Toi Shan districts. A party of Cantonese troops near the latter place has been defeated in attempting to stop the advance of this force.

POLICE LAUNCHMEN.

Charged with Mah Jongg Theft.

The coxswain, the engineer and a seaman of the police patrol launch No. 9 were to-day the defendants in a case in which they were charged with the larceny of a set of mah jongg. The case came on before Mr. R.E. Lindell. The arrest resulted from a complaint lodged by the proprietor of a sampan which had been searched. It is alleged that the defendants, on leaving the boat, took away the set, which was later found in the engine room of the police launch.

When questioned, the coxswain blamed the seaman, the seaman blamed the engineer, and the engineer in his turn blamed the coxswain.

The case has been remanded until the 9th, inst. bail being fixed at \$200 each.

DEATH OF MR. CHARLES WORKMAN.

Believed to Have Had Ptomaine Poisoning.

Members of the J.C. Williamson Company, that gave Hongkong a fortnight of Gilbert and Sullivan plays last February brought the sad news yesterday of the death at sea, between Kobe and this port, of Mr. Charles Workman, the leading member of the company who fell ill just after the tour in Japan had been completed.

Mr. Workman attended the St. George's Day ball at Kobe on April 24th, where one of the dishes he partook of was crab, and this is believed to have caused ptomaine poisoning. He fell ill the next day, and had to be helped on board the E. and A. liner *St. Albans*. He grew worse, but it was hoped to have him attended in hospital on arrival at Hongkong. However, he passed away on May 1st, and was buried at sea. With him, among other members of the company, was his young son, Mr. Roy Workman, with whom much sympathy will be felt, especially as Mrs. Workman died about six months ago while the company was at Calcutta.

The late Mr. Workman was a well-known Savoyard, and had been personally acquainted with both Sir W. S. Gilbert and Sir Arthur Sullivan, and some of the anecdotes he had to tell about these famous collaborators were published in the *Telegraph* when Mr. Workman was appearing here last February. He was a very popular member of the company, and his death at the untimely age of forty-nine is keenly regretted by all. Seven members of the company, following its disbandment in Japan, were travelling on the s.s. *Karmala*, which left Hongkong last Wednesday, and the news of Mr. Workman's death was sent them by wireless, their condolences being received on the *St. Albans* on Wednesday evening.

The late Mr. Workman had booked his passage to Sydney, with his son. The *St. Albans* leaves to-morrow for Australian ports, with the majority of the members of the company.

OUR BLUEJACKETS.

Hongkong Chaplain's Appeal to Residents.

An appeal to residents to help brighten the lives of British bluejackets on the China Station was made by the Rev. Reginald Churchill, R.N., (who has recently come out to Hongkong as Chaplain to H. M. S. *Carlisle*) in a sermon at St. John's Cathedral. Mr. Churchill said:—

"In speaking in this congregation to the residents of Hongkong, I want you to remember that the men of the British Navy are far away from home and all home atmosphere and comforts. I would ask you to consider if at least one day a week, those of you who are living in all the luxury of home life, might not consider it an act of well doing, if you gave the opportunity one evening of a few men coming to your homes, and having the cheer of seeing again out here the refinement of a real home. I should indeed be grateful for such invitations for men of H.M.S. *Carlisle*. I have always found people only too ready to help provided they are fulfilling some real need. If refinement and the influence of home is altogether removed from the lives of our splendid sailors, we cannot but blame ourselves when perhaps they do things we would rather not have them do. As Christians, remember, we are members one of another. We are here to help one another, not to cast stones at each other. I would ask you, then, in your kind thoughts and actions for one another not to forget the British Sailor, who guards the sea, and enables you to receive with such regularity the news of your friends at home. I know that there are clubs and institutes, but there is all the difference between a real act of personal kindness shown in a home, and any institution. Such personal acts as I ask for are just these little unremembered acts of kindness and love. But believe me, you will remember them, for as you get to know the British sailor you will learn to love him, and he in turn will remember with gratitude the people of Hongkong."

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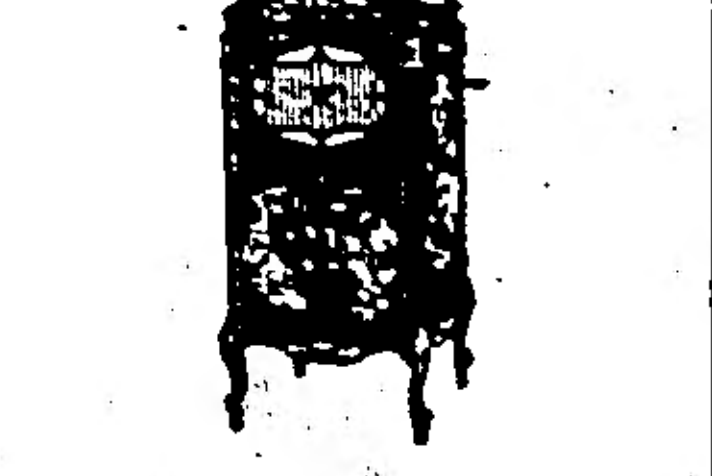
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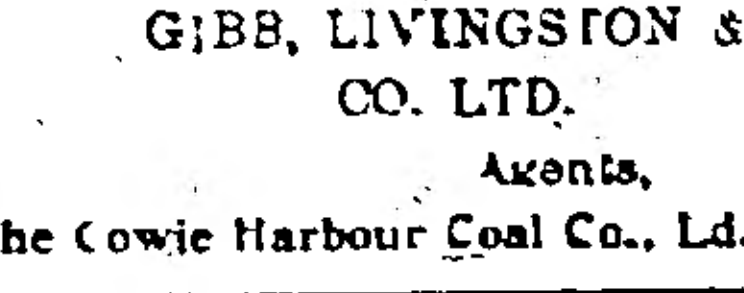
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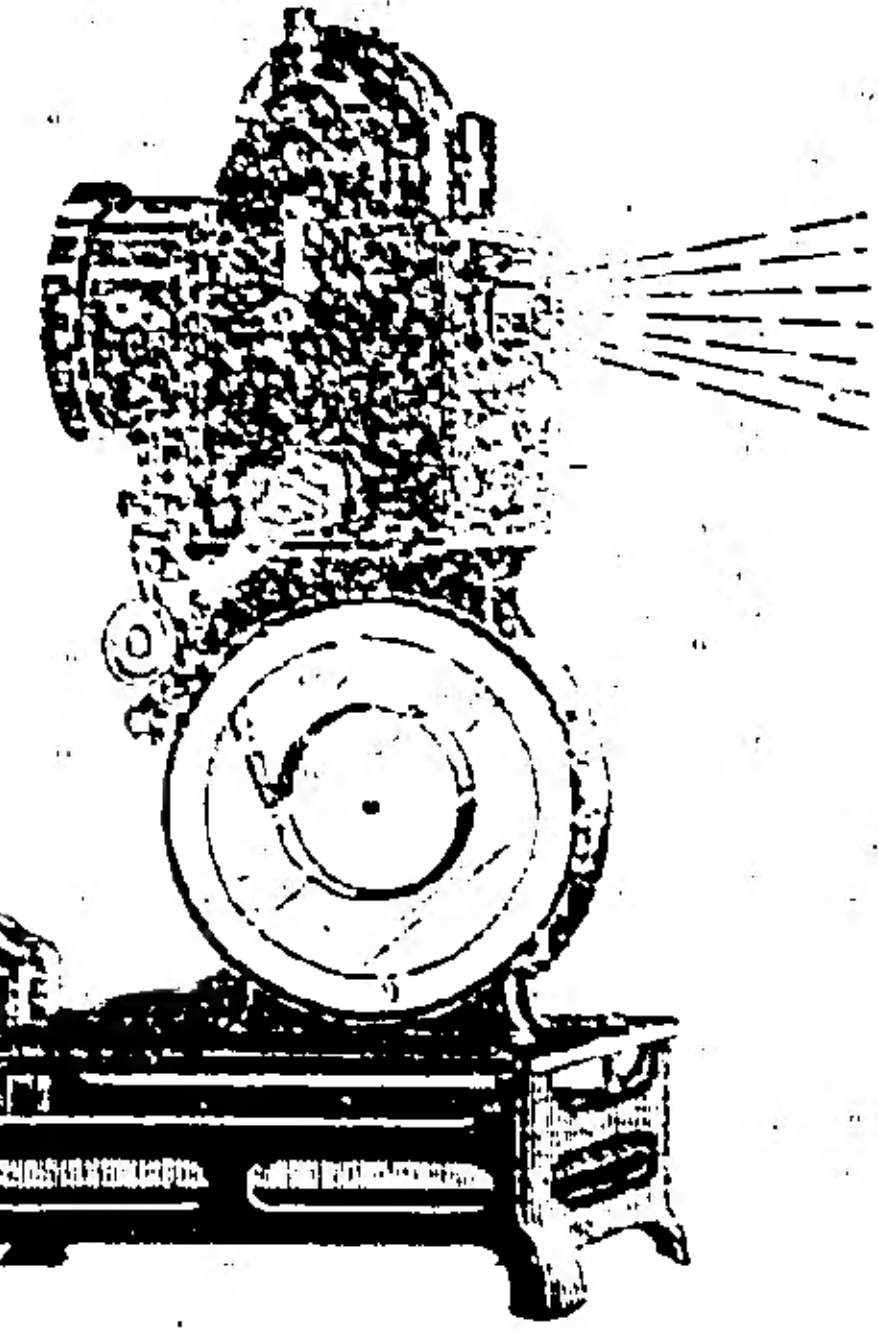
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ELEPHANT'S FOOT.

An Episode of Africa.

I was sitting with the District Commissioner on the verandah of his mud house, sufficiently cool to go out after pigeon. I had no business there, but I had not seen a white man for three weeks and had trekked over for a civilized meal and a talk. It was a nice bush station, right off the line of the wire, and the Amalekites at headquarters were not likely to hear of my self-appointed holiday.
His orderly appeared outside: "Plenty man from bush want look you, sah!"
"Tell 'em come for here."
A motley group of villagers, for the most part garbed only in wisps of loin cloth, straggled round the corner of the house. Not one of them could speak English so the orderly interpreted. Their story, boiled down, was this, but it took a long time in the telling.
They came from a group of scattered bush villages among which a mad elephant had appeared. He must be mad, because he was ruining all their yam and cassava farms, trampling and rooting up far more than he could eat. And would the honourable and much-respected white man come and see about it? They did not mention the fact, but they evidently knew very well, that the white man most certainly would. The mere mention of big game would have raised the Commissioner from his death-bed. (Incidentally, a wounded buffalo got him in the long grass not long after).
The suppliants were dismissed with instructions to wait for the white man at the central village the following evening. The Commissioner turned to me.
"I can get through my court cases by lunch to-morrow. It is a fifteen-mile trek, and we can do it in the afternoon and be ready for dawn the next day. I'll send over for MacWhirter in the morning to make a third and get in

my three pet native hunters." He took my coming for granted.
This MacWhirter was in charge of a British Cotton-growing Association plantation eight miles away. I am not prepared to swear on oath that he did not grow or buy cotton, but I never saw him do it. Cotton may have been the relaxation of his spare moments, but his real mission in life appeared to be connected with guns and rifles. He was waiting for us all right at the appointed place the following evening.

The laws of Nigeria decreed that a licence to shoot elephant cost £10 for six months and £20 for a year, but as there was a close season of six months nobody ever took a year's licence. Gilbert and Lewis Carroll would have loved the laws of Nigeria. None of us had a licence, but the Commissioner was the licensing authority, and we arranged that a licence could be issued to the lucky man, antedated, if and after the elephant was shot.
THE FIRST "BAG."
Before dawn we were among the farms. We advanced singly in line, each accompanied by a native hunter, at about half-mile intervals, the Commissioner in the centre. Toward noon I heard his rifle speak twice (he was using a doubled-barrelled 450 cordite Express), and I hurried in the direction of the sound. I found him sitting proudly on the dead elephant, surrounded by hundreds of villagers, who had apparently sprung out of the bush.
It was rather a poor specimen, with tusks only 31lb. and 32lb. When we cut them out we found an abscess the size of a turnip at the root of one of them. No wonder the poor beast had been mad. He must have had a monumental toothache.
We gave the carcass to the villagers—bush niggers will eat anything—retaining only the tusks, toenails, and the hairs from the tail as amulets. Moreover, since we had all read in boys' books of adventure that ele-

phant's foot, grilled in the embers, was delicious eating, we took a foot also.

In the evening we watched it bake whole in our camp fire while thoroughly fortifying ourselves with cocktails in order to do justice to the special dish. When it appeared as a table a strong aroma arose as of a town whose staple industries were the manufacture of glue and patent fertilizers. However, we each took a ration of the viscous brown mess on our tin plates, sampled it simultaneously, and looked at one another. If imagination can conceive a compound of sealing wax, train oil, blood, and the essence of cast-off boot soles, that about describes the delicacy.

The Commissioner flung his plate out into the night with a roar. "Boy! tell cook kill fowl! make chicken cutleg one time; kill tin sardine; and for God's sake, pass more cock-tail!"
If the reader is tempted to go big game shooting with the idea of eating elephant's foot, he is advised to take with him disinfectants and a cookery-book telling how it should be prepared—if he can find one.—Times contributor.

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SIR HENRY MAY.

Statue Unveiled Yesterday.

In the presence of a large and distinguished company His Excellency the Governor (Sir Edward Stubbs, K.C.M.G.), yesterday afternoon unveiled the statue to the late Sir Henry May, a former Governor of the Colony.

His Excellency the Governor, in his official uniform, accompanied by Lady Stubbs, his A.D.C. (Capt. Neville) and private Secretary (Mr. Eric Rice) arrived a few minutes before the appointed hour for the ceremony and was received by Sir Paul Chater (the Chairman of the Committee), the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock and the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak. The Band of the King's Regiment struck up the National Anthem, the large company present standing in their places meanwhile. His Excellency the Governor and Lady Stubbs were escorted to the temporary structure erected immediately in front of the monument. Drawn up in the rear of the statue was a guard of honour drawn from the King's Regiment.

Among those present were Sir William Rees Davies (the Chief Justice), Commodore Grace, Colonel Davy, the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, the Hon. Mr. A. T. Perkins, the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, the Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, the Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, the Hon. Mr. E. H. Irving, the Bishop of Victoria (Rt. Rev. C. R. Duppuy), the Rev. H. Copley Moyle, Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz, Mr. G. T. Edkins, Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, (Captain Superintendent of Police), Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. Ho Fook, Mr. S. W. Tso, Mr. Eldon Potter, Mr. F. C. Jenkins, Commander Beckwith, Lieut. Commander L. G. Bird, Mr. G. R. Sayer, Mr. A. Dyer Ball, Mr. J. R. Wood, Mr. S. B. B. McElherry, Mr. G. N. Orme, Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Mr. Wong Ting-sun, Mr. Lo Cheung-shui, Mr. Chou Tinsun, Mr. Lum Chuen, Mr. W. Schofield, Mr. E. Ralphs, Mr. C. G. Perdue, and Mr. J. Kerr.

Sir Paul's Tribute.

Sir Paul Chater, in asking His Excellency to unveil the statue, said: "Your Excellency, I have asked you to come here this afternoon to unveil a statue of your illustrious predecessor, the late Sir Henry May. I may mention that after he resigned his position as Governor of Hongkong, owing to ill health, he was asked if he would consent to the erection of a statue. He agreed to do so, and appointed Sir Bertram Mackennal, K.C.V.O., A.R.A., to be the sculptor, and subsequently gave him several sittings.

Sir Henry May was known to me intimately, both privately and officially, from the commencement of his career as a Civil Servant of the Colony some 40 years ago. His progress was marked throughout by a consistent display of those great qualities of conscientiousness and of courage, which cause a man to stand out amongst his fellow men. He never faltered or swerved from the course which his experience and his duty pointed out as demanded by the interests committed to his care. Undeterred by criticism and undaunted by obstacles, he pressed unflinchingly forward to the end he had in view, and he rarely failed to achieve. To an unrivalled experience of the needs and interests of the Colony, he added the natural genius of his race. He had the aptitude, given to few, of fastening on the keynote of any problem which confronted him; often when others could not see so wisely or so well.

A Silent Worker.
The Government records, if searched, would tell of great results achieved by him, eminently to the Colony's advantage, which never came under public notice. He was not apt to blazon his successes to the public eye. Silently and unobtrusively, he worked to preserve and protect the important interests committed to him, and no man can deny him acknowledged success. There is no need for me to refer in detail to the outstanding features of his career. They are known to all. His work as Captain Superintendent of Police; his promotion of education; the impetus he gave to the Volunteer Force; his close co-operation with the Chinese community; and, later, the development of the Colony and the New Territories by well-planned roads. As a Governor, he made a mark which will be indelible from the

Colony's history. In the sports and pastimes of the Colony, Sir Henry was ever a prominent figure. As a keen racing man, a yachtsman and a golfer, he affected all by his enthusiasm, and no one better realised how play is an essential complement to work, and forms an integral part of our national life. His participation in our outdoor pastimes was highly appreciated and they never lacked his utmost support. And what of the man himself—of the man as his friends knew him? Of utmost loyalty, of abounding humour, of open heart, his friendship, once acquired, was never lost. Adversity could not alienate it, nor indifference destroy it. In sunshine or in trouble, it could be counted and drawn upon without exhaustion and without stint.

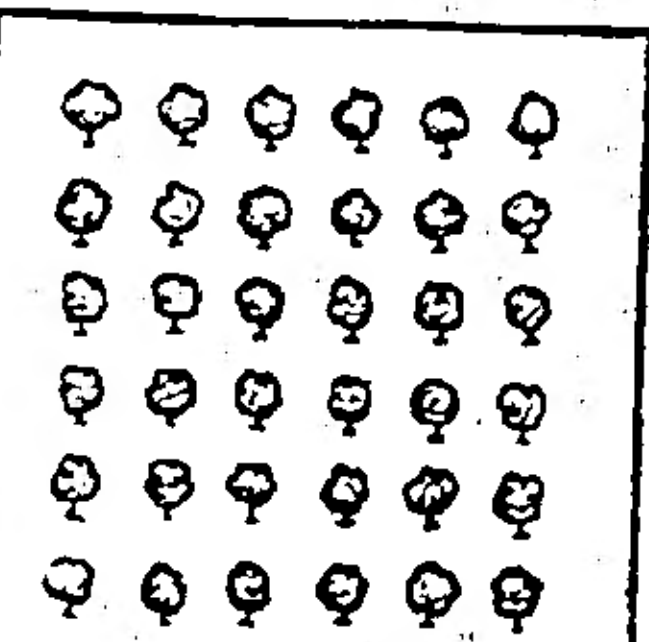
Your Excellency, this is the man whose statue has been erected by the community as a mark of esteem, and to record their high appreciation of the eminent services which he rendered to the Empire and to Hongkong during his most honourable career as a servant of the Crown. I have now the honour to ask Your Excellency to unveil this statue.

A Period of Wonderful Progress.

His Excellency the Governor, in a short address prior to unveiling the memorial, said: "It is, I think, very fitting that the only statue of a Governor of this Colony erected in this Square should be that of Sir Henry May, the first Governor who succeeded to that office after serving many years as a public servant in the Colony. Sir Paul has reminded me of the eminent services which Sir Henry May rendered not only to this Colony but to the Empire. My recollection of Sir Henry May is, I am afraid, only about half that of Sir Paul Chater. I knew him for about 20 years, we met seldom, but corresponded constantly on many subjects whilst I was in the Colonial Office and Sir Henry May was Governor, and I have still among my papers a letter from him kindly congratulating me on my appointment to Ceylon, a post to which he himself was appointed though he never took on the duties. The period he spent in this Colony was one of wonderful progress. He came here in 1883 and left in the year 1918. During that time the population of the Colony more than quadrupled, its shipping trebled and the public revenues increased no less than 15 times. It is a wonderful record of progress for one man's service to cover. I think it is well known to all of you who have been in this Colony for any length of time that Sir Henry May's services had much to do with that development. He is a very fitting and proper person to be honoured in this manner and on behalf of the Colony I have much pleasure in accepting the statue. His Excellency then unveiled the statue, which was covered with a Union Jack, saluted and the guard of honour presented arms.

The ceremony over, those present inspected the monument.

A PUZZLE A DAY.



Thirty-six shrubs were planted in even rows as shown above. It will be noted that each vertical and horizontal row, and the two diagonal rows, contain an even number of shrubs: namely, six. A wind storm uprooted six of the shrubs, but the 30 that remained still had an even number in each row, vertical, horizontal and diagonal. Can you cross out the six shrubs that were destroyed? Yesterday's answer: If the number 37 is multiplied by 3, it will bring 111; by 6, 222; by 9, 333; by 12, 444; by 15, 555; by 18, 666; by 21, 777; by 24, 888; by 27, 999.

NEW ZEALAND FLOURISHING.
Advices from New Zealand State that the northern province of Auckland, in spite of recent setbacks, is having a wonderful season owing to the frequent rains which have so enriched the pastures that the butter exported for seven months totals over £5,000,000 and that the wool has "jumped" so much this year that New Zealand is likely to make a rapid recovery from the financial losses of the war.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

Killymoon Castle, county Tyrone, built about a century ago by the celebrated Nash, at a cost of £30,000, was sold recently to a farmer for £100. The buyer had previously bid £2,050 for 160 acres of land surrounding the castle. The vendor then offered the 160 acres and the castle in one lot, and all were knocked down for £100 more than the farmer's bid for the land alone.

The death of Eirwen Evans, a 13-years old schoolgirl, who sat for a divinity examination with a fractured skull, was recently inquired into by the Northern Carmarthen coroner. While playing hockey with fellow pupils Evans was struck on the right temple by the ball. After a few minutes she resumed playing, and the next day sat at a divinity examination. The same evening she died from a broken skull. The mistress said that the ball was travelling slowly. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

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If the railway companies established definitely a two-class system many people will hope that they will sacrifice accuracy in order to retain "third" as the second of the two classes. Second class on railways has no anecdote and little history, but the "third smoker" has played a very definite part in the social history of the last three generations, and it would be a great pity if continuity were to be broken for the sake of a pedantic exactitude. "I travel third," said a Bishop, "because there's no fourth." By all means let our Bishops be allowed to continue to travel third.

Lovers of the double entendre may see some humour in the fact that many members of the "Silent Service" are paid for "hard lying." The expression came into use with the torpedo-boat, which lacked the space for slinging hammocks, which is found in bigger craft, so that the ratings had to sleep on the hard decks. As compensation for this extra discomfort "hard lying money" was, and is, paid in addition to the ordinary naval pay. In future, according to a new Admiralty order, all engaged in submarine work are to have a special allowance, in addition to the usual hard lying money.

More exclusive and "clubbier" even than the Savile is a lawyers' club known as "The Institute," which was founded in Lincoln's Inn in 1815. It never numbers more than twelve, and its members must be of the very cream of that section of the profession which devotes itself to the task of translating plain English into the tortuous phraseology of legal documents. The Institute has its regular meeting nights, when its members dine together and afterwards discuss nice little problems about "tail male" contingent remainders, and other legal archaisms which Lord Birkenhead's great Property Act aims at sweeping away.

The marriage in Paris of Prince Achille Murat to Mlle. de Chasseloup Laubat will recall one of the most picturesque figures of Napoleon's time. Prince Joachim Murat, the bridegroom's great-grandfather. Joachim Murat, an innkeeper's son born on March 25, 1767, served with Napoleon in Italy and Egypt, and as a reward (or punishment) was allowed to marry Caroline Bonaparte, Napoleon's sister. He fought at Marengo, Austerlitz, Jena, Dresden, and Leipzig. Murat was made King of the Two Sicilies in 1808, and after the final overthrow of Napoleon, he was tried by court-martial and shot. Though a week, showy man, who was for years a thorn in the side of his brother-in-law and benefactor, Prince Murat is none the less a fascinating figure, for he was brave and as ambitious as his Emperor.

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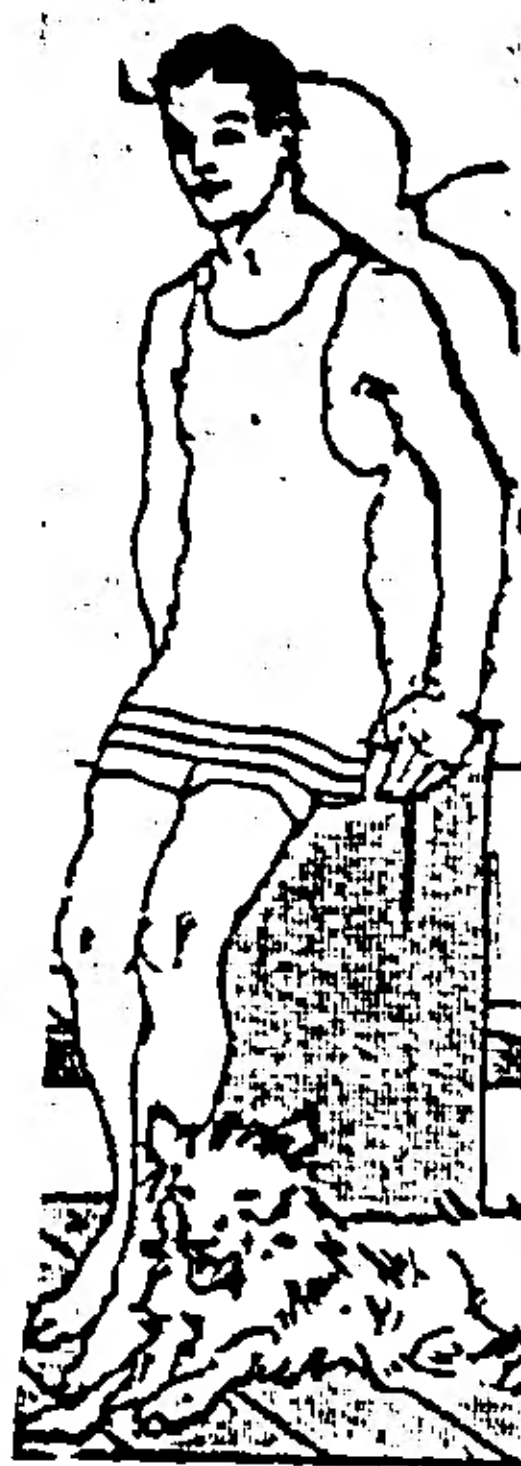
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Here troops under the Lithuanian General, Budry, are feeding the starving children of Memel.



Thirteen railway vans smashed to kindling wood in a wreck at Bridgeville. Here the wrecking crew is getting them off the track.



A group of members of a German Fire Brigade.



This keeper in the London Zoo was on friendly terms with his friend, the Hippopotamus. The enormous beast made no objection when his lower jaw was used as a chair.



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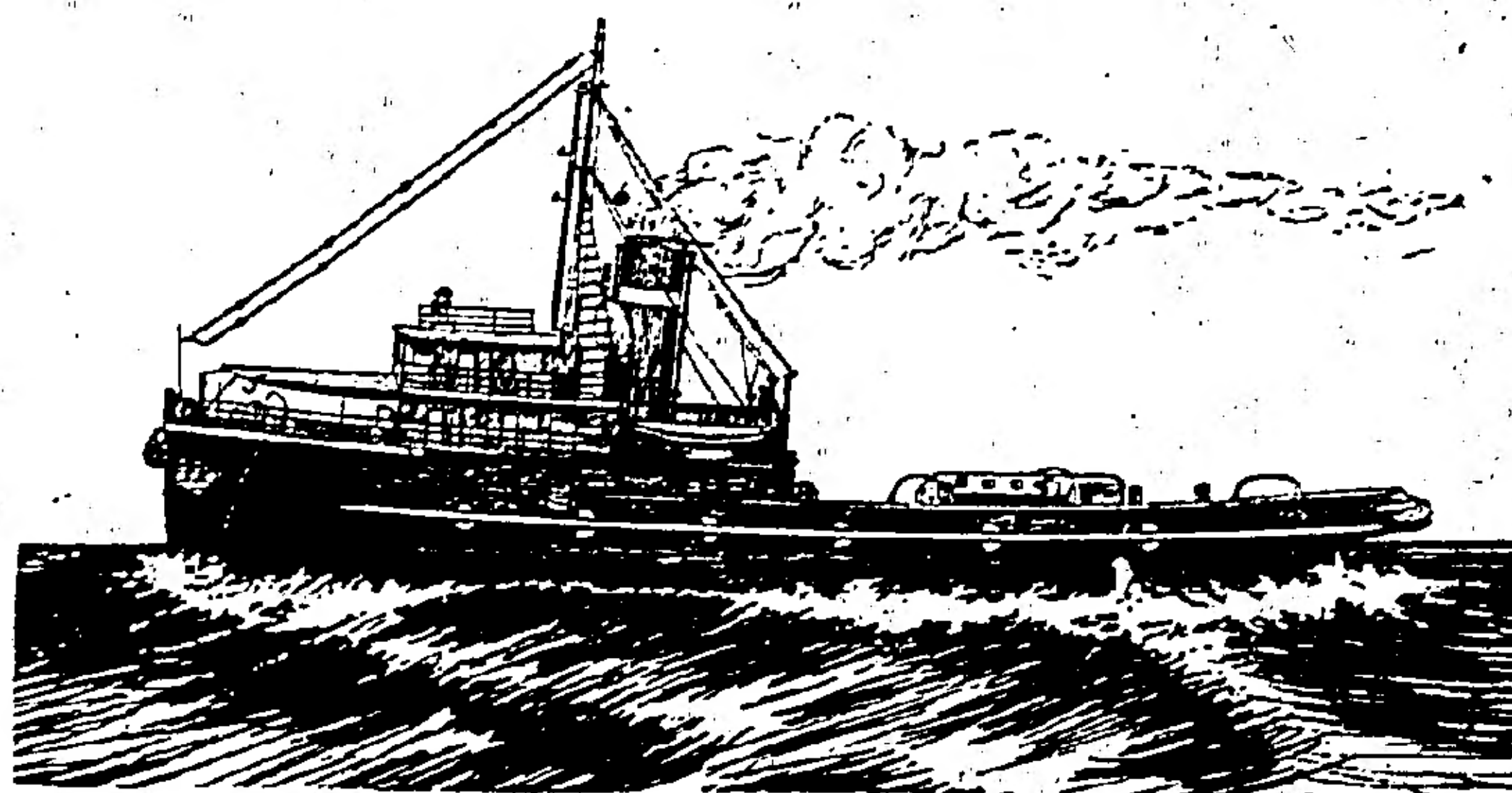
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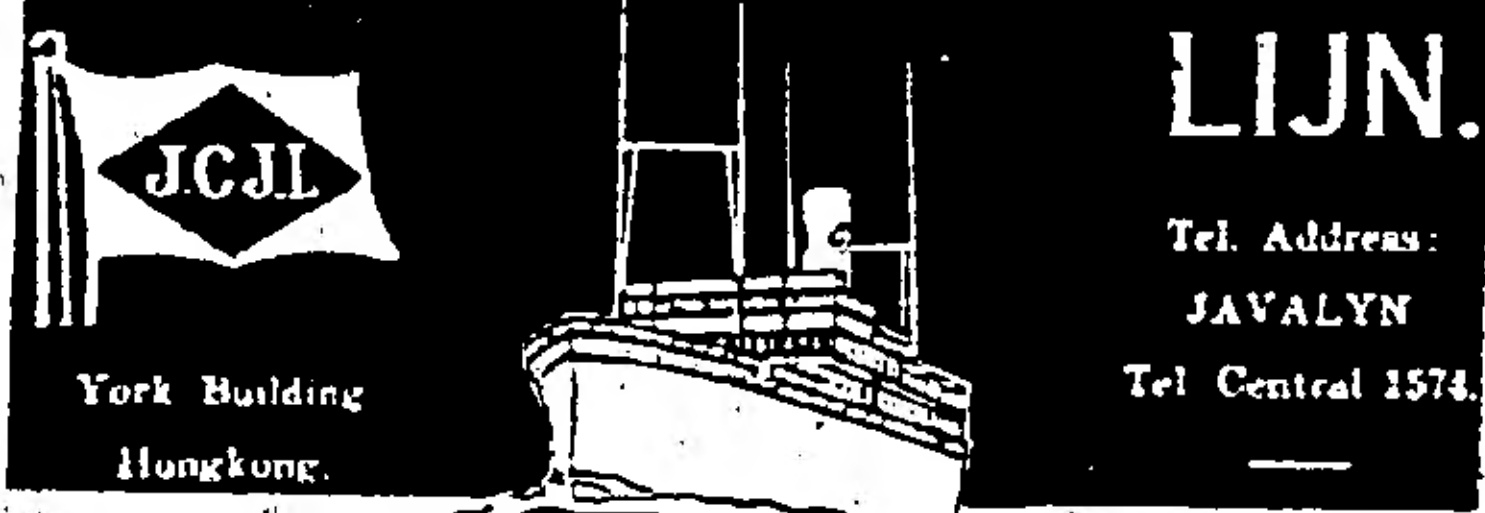
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SHANGHAI via Swatow Takang	Sun.	6th May at noon.
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SANDAKAN Mamsang	Wed.	9th May at 2 p.m.
TIENTSIN Chiphang	Thurs.	10th May at noon.
STRAITS & Calcutta Namsang	Fri.	11th May at 3 p.m.
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United States Shipping Board, Emergency Fleet Corporation, ADMIRAL ORIENTAL LINE,
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OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA,
 K. SHIMA,
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 Hongkong, 2nd May, 1923.

CHINESE IMMIGRANTS IN CANADA.

The treatment of Chinese arriving at Vancouver and Victoria was severely criticized by Mr. Chilian Tsui, Consul at Ottawa, in an address to the Women's Canadian Club at Montreal last month. He said some prisons in China were better than the detention sheds in which immigrants were placed behind iron bars and no sleeping accommodation except iron hunks without any bedding. He thought the actions of a country which sent missionaries to China to teach the brotherhood of man and which put Chinese in such sheds were hardly consistent.

MOSCOW TO VLADIVOSTOCK.

According to a Rauter message telegraph service between Moscow and Vladivostok has been resumed. What most people are more anxious about than the telegraph service between those two places is the train service between the Far East generally and Europe via Siberia. Nothing would better convince the world that all is well in Russia than the resumption of the regular trans-Siberian traffic.

SPANISH TOBACCO BEVIVAL. Seville, Spain, April 17.—Senor Razon, administrator of the tobacco monopoly, is negotiating for the importation of tobacco from several American republics and the Philippine Islands in an effort to stimulate Spanish trade in those countries.

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A SECOND CANAL?

New Panama Waterway Likely.

The news that the Administration

will favour the application

of the profits of the Panama Canal

to the construction of a second

Isthmian waterway will no

doubt surprise the country.

There will be a disposition to ask

Why a second canal? The

Panama Canal is a demon-

strated success. Its receipts

for the month of January exceed-

ed \$1,500,000, and with the further

development of commerce and

the resulting prosperity, it will

be still more profitable. It has

not to be sure, paid for itself as

a going enterprise. It has cost

the American people the price of

an empire. But the American

people have paid for it, and

gladly. Why not rest upon that?

Our ships have found the way to

the Pacific.

We say that this question may

be asked, but the answer is not so

simple, so summary, as some may

suppose. In the first place, the

people are not keeping a strict cash

account with this great enterprise.

They did not build the canal to

make money upon it. They built it

first of all, for the national safety

and advantage. And the national

safety and advantage may well

suggest another string to our bow.

There is no such thing as setting

metes and bounds to the commer-

cial, the business, the maritime ex-

pansion of the United States. Al-

ready the Panama Canal is becom-

ing crowded. The stream of traffic

through it is and evidently always

will be limited by the operation of

the locks. It may be asked whether

the profits of the Panama Canal

had not better be employed in mak-

ing that avenue of interoceanic

communication a sea-level canal,

converting it into an arm of the

sea, through which the traffic of

the world might pass in an un-

interrupted procession. To that

the answer of the Government's

engineers seems to be conclusive:

a sea-level canal is impracticable

on account of the earth-slides,

which have lately been mastered

on the basis of the present elava-

tion, but which would, in the view

of these engineers, forever mili-

tate against an artery at the ocean

level. To turn the Panama Canal

into a sea-level canal would cost

quite as much as to construct a

new canal at another point, and

after all the expenditure it might

and probably would be found that

the process had thwarted, instead

of furthering, interoceanic com-

munication.

STRATEGIC REASONS.

Moreover, important strategic

reasons are urged for the con-

struction of a second canal. We

have fortified the Panama route,

but we cannot build fortresses in

the air. The locks are vulnerable

to air attacks. We have lately,

apparently, made a present of the

Pacific Ocean to a foreign Power

that has already exceeded us in

airplane construction. If it ever

became our enemy, it would be

the most mobile, both on the sea

and in the air, of all enemies. It is

within the possibilities that its first

blow, in case of war, would be the

paralysis of the Panama Canal,

with the bulk of the American sea

power stranded, as it were, on the

Atlantic side. A second canal

would at least lessen by one-half

of the danger of such a blow, and

there are strategic reasons to

indicate that it would lessen the

danger by much more than one-

half.

In this situation, the ghost of

that great senator, John T. Mor-

gan of Alabama, steps into the

scene. He was the great advocate

of the Nicaragua route for an

Isthmian Canal, and in the famous

speech which he delivered on the

subject in 1897 he marshalled all

the reasons for a canal by that

route. He proved that it was

feasible. Nature has indeed plainly

marked a way—a waterway—

across the Isthmian region at

this point. Eleven miles

from the Pacific coast, and at an

elevation of 106 feet from that

ocean's waters, there lies the

great Lake of Nicaragua, 3,000

square miles in area, 45 miles

wide, 200 feet deep, and dis-

charging its waters into the

Caribbean Sea—the Atlantic side—

through the San Juan river,

which could be practically cana-

lized nearly all the way. The

eleven miles to the Pacific could

be negotiated with probably but

one lock. All surveys, all esti-

mates, have indicated that the

Nicaragua route is not only

practicable, but that a canal by

this route could be constructed

at a considerably less cost than

that of the Panama Canal.

Events resulted in the choice—

under all circumstances the

wiser choice—of the Panama

route for the canal that was

actually built. But the sug-

gestion of a second canal

may vitalize the old Nicaragua

project.

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